

I-310-3.160 LOBBYISTS

(a) LOBBYISTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

(1) Any lobbyist who contracts for economic consideration with the City of Milpitas to represent the City in matters before any local, regional, state, or federal administrative or legislative body shall file a public records report of their activities on a quarterly basis with the City Clerk's office. This report shall be maintained by the City Clerk's office and not be exempt from disclosure. Each quarterly report shall identify all financial expenditures by the lobbyist, the individual or entity to which each expenditure was made, the date the expenditure was made, and specifically identify the local, state, regional or national legislative or administrative action the lobbyist supported or opposed in making the expenditure. The failure to file a quarterly report with the required disclosures shall be a violation of this ordinance.

(2) No person shall be deemed a lobbyist on behalf of the City under section (a), unless that person receives or becomes entitled to receive at least \$250 total compensation in any month for influencing legislative or administrative action on behalf of the City of Milpitas. No business or organization shall be deemed as a lobbyist under section (a) unless it compensates its employees or members for their lobbying activities on behalf of the City of Milpitas, and the compensated employees or members have at least 25 separate contacts with local, state, regional or national officials for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action within any two consecutive months. "Total compensation" shall be calculated by combining all compensation received from the City of Milpitas during a month of lobbying activities on matters at the local, state, regional or national level. "Total number of contacts" shall be calculated by combining all contacts made during a two-month period on behalf of the City of Milpitas for all lobbying activities on matters at the local, state, regional or national level.

(3) Funds of the City of Milpitas shall not be used to support any lobbying efforts to restrict public access to records, information, or meetings, except where such effort is solely for the purpose of protecting the identity and privacy rights of private citizens.

(b) REGULATIONS GOVERNING LOBBYISTS AND CONTACTS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

(1) Lobbyists shall file a report with the City Clerk specifying the general nature of the issues they are trying to influence, compensation ranges received from their clients, all campaign contributions to elected City officials, all fundraising activities conducted on behalf of elected City officials, all contributions to political campaigns or charities made at the behest of City officials, all payments received for services as a consultant to the City or Redevelopment Agency, and any compensated work performed as a campaign consultant for any elected City official. The City may institute a registration fee established by the Open Government Commission.

(2) No person who qualifies as a lobbyist shall contact any elected official of the City, and no person who qualifies as a lobbyist shall make payments to influence local legislative or administrative action, without first registering with the City Clerk and complying with the disclosure requirements of this chapter.